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HAMBURG FOR AMBASSADOR GREENWALD

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING FEB 22 DISCUSSION WITH VISITING
USEC AMBASSADOR GREENWALD, FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR
VAN WELL VOICED FRG DETERMINATION TO BRING U.S./EUROPEAN
DECLARATION EXERCISES TO A CLIMAX, THUS FACILITATING
PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO EUROPE IN THE SECOND HALF OF
APRIL AND RESULTANT "CLEANSING OF THE AIR AMONG THE
WESTERN DEMOCRACIES." END SUMMARY

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1. VAN WELL BEGAN DISCUSSION BY EXPRESSING REGRET CON-
CERNING POSTPONEMENT OF THE FEB 27 MEETING OF HARTMAN
AND SONNENFELDT WITH THE NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AS A
RESULT OF THE INABILITY OF THE EUROPEANS TO RESOLVE
THEIR INTERNAL PROBLEMS. VAN WELL RECALLED THE NEW

TIME TABLE REPORTED REFTEL AND SAID HE WAS DETERMINED TO CONCLUDE THE EC NINE INTERNAL DISCUSSION OF THE DECLARATION AT THE MARCH 4 POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS. VAN WELL SAID THAT HE WOULD PRESS HARD TO GET THE EC DRAFT TO THE USG AT LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE THE SUGGESTED MARCH 14 DATE FOR THE US/EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING.

2. VAN WELL THOUGHT THE NEW EC DRAFT WAS A GOOD ONE -- A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT OVER THE EARLIER LONG AND LEGALISTIC TEXT. IN PARTICULAR, THE FRENCH HAD SHOWN A READINESS TO MOVE IN CERTAIN IMPORTANT AREAS, AND HAD ADVANCED THE CONCEPT OF INTERACTION OF POLICIES AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE WORD "INTER-DEPENDENCE". VAN WELL SAID THE FRENCH CLAIM THEY WERE NOT OPPOSED TO THE MEANING OF INTERDEPENDENCE BUT RATHER TO THE WORD ITSELF, WHICH SEEMED TO THEM TO CONTRADICT THE PRIMACY OF "INDEPENDENCE" IN FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY. IN SUM, VAN WELL THOUGHT WE WERE APPROACHING THE CONCLUSION OF THE TECHNICAL PART OF THE DECLARATION EXERCISE AND THAT, IN VIEW OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE LAST FRENCH DRAFT OF THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION, "THE TIME FOR HAGGLING OVER FORMULATIONS"

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SHOULD NOW BE BROUGHT TO AN END. VAN WELL EXPRESSED JUDGMENT THAT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS OF U.S./EC DECLARATION DURING TENTATIVE MARCH 14 MEETING WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVES. HE SAID GERMANS STRONGLY WELCOMED ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN'S COMMENT TO VON STADEN (STATE 35268) CONCERNING POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT IN SECOND HALF OF APRIL, SAYING VISIT AND SIGNING OF DECLARATIONS WOULD BE IMPORTANT POLITICAL IMPULSE TO U.S./EUROPEAN RELATIONS.

3. ASKED BY AMBASSADOR GREENWALD CONCERNING THE MODALITIES, VAN WELL SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WAS A GENERAL UNDERSTANDING THAT THE EC DECLARATION WOULD BE SIGNED IN BRUSSELS BY THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT, AND BY CHANCELLOR BRANDT, ACTING IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT OF THE EC MEMBER STATE THEN HOLDING THE PRESIDENCY OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. EC REPS AT THE SECRET

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MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE CHANCELLOR BRANDT AND COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI; THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE EC-9 STATES ALSO WOULD BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING. VAN WELL SAID THE FRG UNDERSTOOD AND SUPPORTED THE US WISH THAT THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION BE SIGNED BY ALL THE CHIEFS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE 15 NATO PARTNERS. VAN WELL RECALLED THE SO FAR NONCOMMITTAL FRENCH REACTION TO THE GERMAN PROPOSAL THAT THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION BE SIGNED AT A MEETING OF THE 15 CHIEFS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AT PARIS. HE SAID HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT THE FRENCH WOULD AGREE AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, REFERRED TO A STATEMENT OF FRENCH NATO AMBASSADOR DE ROSE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE NATO 25TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING SHOULD BE CONVENED AT THE LEVEL OF CHIEFS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT. AMBASSADOR GREENWALD EMPHASIZED THAT THE US CONTINUED TO ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO A SUMMIT LEVEL SIGNING CEREMONY FOR THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION. VAN WELL CAREFULLY NOTED THIS POINT. HILLENBRAND

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